

the First Congressional District of Minnesota, and our nation. For combined 70 years, Colonel and Captain Peterson assessed our best and brightest candidates, enabling these young recruits to continue the proud tradition of attending United States Service Academies. Both Colonel and Captain Peterson are patriotic Americans who deserve this nation's thanks and gratitude.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 316—94TH
NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION
CELEBRATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Post

316, located in Woodstock, Georgia, which will celebrate 94 years of patriotic service on March 21, 2013.

Since the American Legion received its Congressional Charter in 1919, it has grown to more than 2.4 million members at over 14,000 posts across the world. Mr. Speaker, as the country's largest wartime veteran's organization, the National American Legion has become a leading advocate for devoted veterans, active service members, and strong communities.

In that spirit, American Legion Post 316 will honor local men and women for their exemplary service. Detective Ron Hughes, Lieutenant Matt O'Keefe, Officer Cullen Fitchett, Jenny Banas, Matt Marano, Bobby Brian Dean, James Brennan, and Eagle Scout William Harrison Stepat will receive awards for their accomplishments in Cherokee County law enforcement, firefighting, and Boy Scouts.

To American Legion Post 316, Cherokee County law enforcement, firefighters, and community leaders: On behalf of Georgia's 11th District, my deepest thanks for your service and your commitment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 63. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "yes."